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**ANDOVER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

P.O. Box 519 -1429 N Andover Rd
Andover, KS 67002

SUNDAY SERVICES

TRADITIONAL 9:00AM
with chancel choir-in sanctuary
In-Person & Online

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM

PRAISE SERVICE 11:00AM
with contemporary music &
children's involvement-in gym

Services In-Person & Online
Online: FACEBOOK AUMCKS

MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Website:

www.andoverumc.com

AUMC Online Church Directory:

<https://andoverumc.ctrn.co/>

The Outreach Newsletter:

andoverumc.com/outreach.html

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:

Andover United Methodist Church:

www.facebook.com/AUMCKS

Andover UMC CrossFit Youth

Ministries: www.facebook.com/aumcyouthmin

Andover UMC Children's Ministry

www.facebook.com/AUMCKidMin



WORD FROM THE PASTOR

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40

This verse of scripture is taken from a longer parable Jesus is teaching titled "the sheep and the goats". In this parable the King is separating people to his right and to his left. The people ask why are they being divided into each group and the king responds to those on his right:

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Confused they ask when did they see the king in such need. The king responds, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".

To those on the left Jesus says they will be cast out because they didn't help those in need thus did not help the king. The point of the parable Jesus is giving to his disciples is that if you saw the king in other people you would absolutely go the extra mile to help that person. The king was a powerful person, a respected person, and there would be a reward. It is why the people separated on the left are confused. "When did you see you in need and not respond?" Jesus is stating that to truly honor and serve the king, to follow Jesus, it is help and serve the people around you.

I believe in our goal of 6000 hours of service and connection we as a church our living out this scripture. At first glance we might say that some of the actions we have done fit the scripture (helping at the food bank, open door lunches, cards to people you are sick) but not everyone we helped are the least of these. And while some of the people we helped and connected with might not be those in greatest financial, emotional, spiritual and physical need, we did help people who were in need. I even believe that small moment when you take the time to say hello to your neighbor, to the person in the store, to the stranger you pass on the street is living into this parable. It may not feel like we are doing phenomenal ministry but it is an amazing gift for people to feel seen and known. We live in a disconnected time, where any information you want is at the touch of a keyboard but friends, groups, connections are difficult to create a form. Each week, part of the prayer I lift up with our service hours is that those who experience our efforts may know they are not alone. Jesus came so we would not be alone.

I invite you this month to consider how you might reach out to a neighbor or someone else to let them know they are not alone. It is an act of connection, of compassion, of service. It is an act Jesus does for us so we can do for others.

God Bless,

Pastor Ryan

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

This Fall we will have three different opportunities to engage in small group.

1. Three adult Sunday school classes:

Love at the Center: meeting in the welcome center. Study is "Dialogues". Studying how the patriarchy influenced the church and the world. Anyone interested in joining in the conversation is welcome to join us. -Cathy Durano

Pathfinders: Studying "A Disciples Path" by James Harnish.

Seekers: Studying "Jesus Revealed" by Matt Rawls.

These classes are a great way to deepen faith & connect with each other.

2. Small Groups: Six week study meeting in community or peoples homes. Two of the small groups will be using the book "A Disciples Path" by James Harnish. We are looking for people who would be willing to host this study. Contact Pastor Ryan with the day & time you are available.

3. Wednesday night Small Group: Meets after the meal, lead by Pastor Ryan that will cover books of the Bible, writings from Christian theologians, & current topics. If you have a topic that you would like to be covered contact Pastor Ryan.

We invite you to participate this fall and connect with each other through small groups.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Sunday Morning Worship help

Youth & Children Activities help

Office help

Missions help

Connect with Each Other Teams & Small Groups



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SUNDAY 9/11/22

Special Celebration during both worship services.
Pot luck lunch at noon

Andover Community

Open: Tues. 10am - 1pm
Wed. 3 - 6pm

As of July 30th, the Food Bank will no longer be open on the last Sat. of the month.

AUMC Church Directory

- ◆ We're taking/retaking photos for the directory!
- ◆ We are asking that EVERYONE complete the update form so the directory can have up-to-date information in it
- ◆ We are taking pictures before the 9am & 11am services. Please come & get your updated taken
- ◆ Complete the forms located on the Welcome Center of both services
- ◆ Check out the improvements & additions.

ANDOVER UNITED METHODIST

MISSION STATEMENT

"Connecting people with the love of God through Jesus Christ"

JULY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DATE	Adult Serv In Person 9:00	Adult Serv In Person 11:00	Adult Serv. On Line 9:00	Adult serv On Line 11:00	Totals
7/03/22	61	One Srv.	91	7	159
07/10/22	55	23	103	0	181
07/17/22	55	31	0	110	196
07/24/22	44	27	56	31	158
07/31/22	38	25	59	47	169

2022 6000 hours of service and connection in the community: as of

8/2122
5807 hours.

➤➤➤ MINISTRY UPDATES

Worship for the Fall at AUMC

Sept- It is Dangerous to Go Alone!

Jesus sends out the disciples for ministry in pairs. It is Dangerous to go alone! Support is required. In September we are going to examine support as evangelism. Good support comes from solid ground. Knowing who we are and what gifts we have allows us to be a support for someone else. Each week we will examine how Jesus connects with us to equip us to go into the world.

Oct- Picture the future

Where our building sits there once was a field. Those who came before us pictured a building that would be home to the faith community of Andover Methodist Church. From growing and selling popcorn, building campaigns, additions to the building and staff, mission trips, and community connection our faith community has been formed from a picture of the future.

A good picture is more than just being in the right spot. It involves framing the subjects, checking light levels, adjusting the lenses to focus. What is the picture of Andover UMC for 2023 and beyond? Join us in framing and focusing on the future God has called us to.

November- Mental Healing

Jesus heals many different physical afflictions in scriptures. Jesus' healing is also given to heal mental afflictions. Often mental health is more complicated to explain than a physical problem. A broken arm or skinned knee is easy to see but mental fatigue, burnout and depression are less visible. In November we will explore how we can experience mental healing in Jesus.

➤➤➤ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

- ♥ Care Connections Team
- ♥ Prayer Team
- ♥ Help with a Fall Small Group

Contact Pastor Ryan

HOSPITALITY HELP FOR the COFFEE & COOKIES SOCIAL

- ♥ Bake or buy cookies for between services on Sunday
- ♥ Set up cookies & coffee prior to 9:00 service
- ♥ Clean up after 11:00 service

To get on the list—

Contact Dave Valerio,
valeriod@usd385.org

MISSIONS

- ♥ Lead or set up for sack lunches
- ♥ Make sack lunches
- ♥ Help at the Food Bank
- ♥ Lead connection with Sunlight House
- ♥ Prepare food for Wed. night Community meals during school year –Sign up sheet on volunteer bulletin board

Contact Pastor Ryan

OFFICE HELP

- ♥ Answer phones Wed. afternoon & Thurs.

Contact Pastor Ryan or the Office if you can help

WORSHIP SERVICE HELP

- ♥ Scripture Readers
- ♥ Ushers
- ♥ Acolytes
- ♥ Computer operators
- ♥ Camera operators

All are needed for each service

Contact Pastor Ryan or Sign up on our Sign up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaa62ea7fec07-worship>

YOUTH & CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

- ♥ Assistant Kids SS Teacher
- ♥ Assistant Youth Teacher
- ♥ Helper for Wed. Crossfit
- ♥ Helper for Wed. Kids Connect

Contact Erin Murray for children
Melissa Connell for youth

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Unified Board

Since the Unified Board is still a new idea to our church, we thought the members of AUMC would like to know a few facts about how our board works. First, we work off of a set of goals set in the previous year. You've no doubt heard about the goal our church has to complete 6000 hours of service work in our community. More than likely, as you read this article, we are close to meeting that goal which sounded like a stretch for us in 2021. We also have goals for hosting community events, engaging members in Bible studies, and improving our outreach to visitors. Much has been done in each of those areas as well.

Probably one of the most important things for the congregation to know about the idea of the Unified Board is that it was chosen so that we can more easily live into our mission of connecting people to God, each other, and our community. One way we do that is to start each meeting with a devotional moment. We empower each of the members of the Board to take turns leading this devotional so that we hear from a variety of sources and get fresh perspectives each month. As we listen to the devotional we are reminded that rather than "getting business done" our focus needs to be on being the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

Another part of our monthly agenda that we have found very positive is our "Volunteer Recognition" that we do each month. During that section of the meeting, members mention where we've seen individuals from AUMC active in helping our church and community. It is eye opening for us to hear from each other about members of our church family that lend a hand giving service in our church and in our community. Some service comes in ways that everyone notices but some service is under the radar and most of us don't even realize it happens. In recognition of that service, AUMC will have a special celebration on Sunday, September 11 during both worship services. We hope you'll join us as we highlight the work that goes on at AUMC and then stay for a pot luck lunch at noon.

Finally, everyone is welcome to attend our meetings which are on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the overflow area of the gym.

WE ARE CALLED TO CONNECT: CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

BACK TO SCHOOL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUTHVILLE



- ♥ Lunch bags & ice packs
- ♥ 24 pack #2 sharpened pencils
- ♥ Erasers
- ♥ Pens (red, blue, black)
- ♥ Pencil pouches
- ♥ Crayola 24 pack crayons
- ♥ Crayola 8-10 pack markers
- ♥ Crayola 12 pack colored pencils
- ♥ Crayola watercolors
- ♥ Loose leaf paper
- ♥ Composition & Spiral-bound notebooks
- ♥ Pocket folders (multiple colors)
- ♥ Binders (2 & 3 in.)
- ♥ Yellow highlighters
- ♥ Safety scissors
- ♥ Rulers
- ♥ Glue (sticks & bottles)
- ♥ Kleenex
- ♥ Hand Sanitizer

Thank you for supporting the children we serve!

Donations can also be made online at emberhope.org

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FALL EVENTS

SUNDAY-
 9:00am Traditional Service – with chancel choir - In-Person & Online
 10:00am Sunday School: Children's (In-Person & Zoom), Youth, Pathfinders, Love at the Center, Seekers
 11:00am Praise Service – with contemporary music & children's involvement - In-Person & Online

TUESDAY- 9:00am Tuesday Coffee @ Rusted Rooster

WEDNESDAY- 6:00pm Community Meal
 (Starts 6:30pm Bible Study
 9/7/22) 6:30 –7:30pm KidsConnect
 6:30-8:00pm Crossfit Youth Ministry
 6:45-7:45pm Choir Practice

8/27/22	6pm	Saturday	A Taste of Africa
8/28/22	6:30-8p	Sunday	Crossfit Game Night
9/5/22		Monday	Labor Day – Office Closed
9/5/22	6:30p	Monday	Open Door Lunches
9/11/22	noon	Sunday	Potluck lunch
9/25/22	6:30-8p	Sunday	Crossfit Game Night
9/27/22	6:30p	Tuesday	Unified Board Meeting
10/25/22	6:30p	Tuesday	Unified Board Meeting
10/26/22	6:30p	Wednesday	Pumpkin Night -Kids & Youth
10/30/22	6:30-8p	Sunday	Crossfit Game Night
11/8/22		Tuesday	General Election
11/22/22	6:30p	Tuesday	Unified Board Meeting
11/24/22		Thursday	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
11/26/22	12-1p	Saturday	Hanging of the Green
11/27/22	6:30-8p	Sunday	Crossfit Game Night

Food Bank Tues. 10am-1pm; Wed. 3-6pm

PRAISES

Alex Delimont has new baby son, Sullivan

SYMPATHIES TO FAMILIES/FRIENDS IN THE PASSING OF:

Dave Valerio's 2 cousins (June)
 Paul Warne, Ruth Helena's brother

CELEBRATIONS



September Anniversaries



04 Rick & Bess Hinz

07 John & Lynette Juresic

15 Dennis & Phyllis Seidl

22 David & Julie Oles

27 Eric & Cheryl Wertheimer

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests – September 2022

Bobby Hellon, Dennis Hellon brother				
Bill & Issy Miller	Gary Harmon	Donna Garver	Brian Edam	Colleen Souders
Spencer John Hope's grandson	Stephanie Walker, Cathy Durano's friend	Bob Stouce, Jan Hale's friend	Sullivan, Alex Delimont's new born baby	Tim Souders, mom
John Hartstripe	Royal Owens	Debbie Senters	Irene Martin	Marcia Haskins
Steve Livingston, Mary Carson's brother	James Primm, Mike Primm's brother	Linda, Irene Gagnon's friend	Brenda Wimmers, Peggy Valerio's sister	Irene Martin's family & friends
Kasa Staub	Bob & Nancy West	Anita Evans	Ruth Helena	Betty Rich
Lynn, Nancy Matke's friend	Jean, Kathy Harmon's friend	Gabbie & Matt Pippin	Liz & Bill- Billy's sister	Elma, Irene Gagon's mom
Hardy & Dick Wasson	Dan & Krista Bonnensek's parents	Irene Gagnon's brother-in-law		Dulton, baby
Landon Israelson	Pray for Students & teachers	Our nation would turn to the Lord	Ukraine & our World situation	Those struggling with health issues & need our Lord's intervention
Those struggling with depressions & need our Lord's intervention	Payers for those who lost their homes & personal items in the tornado			

September Birthdays



01 Forrest Evans	18 Darren Jones
01 Mary Anne Maupin	20 Dick Wasson
02 Darryl Haynes	22 Julie Oles
03 Mary Vaughters	24 Brian Formy-Duval
07 John Hope	25 Dianna Shook
09 Steve Sanders	25 Drew McCleerey
12 Sara Banks	26 Chip DuFriend
12 Courtney Senters	27 Jeremy Lawrence
16 Sherri Sanders	
18 Michael Halfman	
18 Betty Pippin	

➤➤➤ **CROSSFIT YOUTH NEWS**

Happy September!

Summer just seemed to fly by this year, but I for one am so ready for fall! I'm excited to continue building on the relationships that came out of our summer activities and create new relationships with our new Crossfit Students. I hope that we've all had some time to settle into our fall schedules and I'm glad that we can give everyone that time before we start our Crossfit meetings for the school year. Here is a list of the upcoming Crossfit meetings and activities for September:

Middle & High School Crossfit

Wednesday, September 7th @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 14th @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 21st @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 28th @ 6:30pm

Crossfit Game Night

Sunday, September 25th @ 6:30pm

There is a possibility that we will be adding a service event in September, but at the time I'm writing this it isn't on the calendar yet, so stay tuned!

I want to take this time to invite all middle school (6th-8th grade aged) and high school (9th-12th grade aged) students to all of our events! It doesn't matter the connection they have to the church, or whether they've come before, we are a welcoming group of students and adult leaders and we would love to have anyone who is interested in finding a community of faith and growing closer to God.

During the month of September we will also be announcing our summer of 2023 mission trip destinations. Students do not have to regularly attend Crossfit meetings to go on our mission trips. We'd encourage all students connected in some way with AUMC to consider coming on a mission trip with us, as it's a great experience and a meaningful way to serve in the name of God.

Again, I want to wish everyone a fantastic start to the school year, and the ability to find peace within your busy schedules. I know from personal experience that over-activity can be a huge cause of stress and exhaustion in a family unit, but I also know that it's important for students to have the opportunity to explore their likes and interests during a time in their lives that they have the support necessary to do so. I hope that one of those likes or interests is Crossfit, but even if it's not I am always here as a supporter whether your student needs somebody to talk to or they have a band concert or basketball game. I'm excited for this year, and I hope to see everyone at Crossfit on September 7th!

Peace,

Melissa Connell; Director of Youth Ministries; melissac@andoverumc.com ~ (316) 650-5933

Dear AUMC families,

Fall and back to school is an exciting and busy time of year. I pray everyone has had a great start to their school year and adjusted to new routines and schedules. Now it is time for the weather to get cooler and leaves to change color. And many start to look forward to the holiday season. As things seem to get busy, remember to slow down, take a deep breath and look for God.

Blessings,
Erin

Family ideas

Make a simple gift for grandma and grandpa in honor of Grandparent's Day on Sept. 8
Ahoy matey! Learn to talk like a pirate in time for Talk Like a Pirate Day on Sept. 19.
Autumn Equinox- September 22-Take a road trip to see colorful fall leaves

Mark Your Calendars

Sundays- 10a-10:45a Sunday School (in Person and via Zoom)

Wednesday September 7- 6-6:30 Community meals

6:30-7:30 Kids Connect-VBS Highlight night. Join us a family to enjoy some of our favorite things from VBS

Wednesday evening- 6-6:30 Community meals

6:30-7:30 Kids Connect

Wednesday, October 26-Pumpkin Night with Youth



Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/aumckidsmin

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



**COMMUNITY
MEAL**

**STARTS
9/7/22**



**WEDNESDAY
EVENTS**

**START
9/7/22**



**VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION
CELEBRATION**
In Both Services
Potluck lunch @ noon
9/11/22

OUR STAFF

Pastor—Ryan Lynch ryanl@andoverumc.com

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